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In re Patent Application of:
Shigeo Tagami

Application No.: 09/782,166 ✓

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Art Unit: 2631

For: A DIGITAL SIGNAL PROCESSING
DEVICE AND A METHOD AND A DELTA-
SIGMA MODULATOR USING THE SAME
METHOD

Examiner: P. M. Phu

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

MS Issue Fee
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Submitted herewith on Form PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08 is a listing of Yoshio Yamazaki, "*AD/DA Converter and Digital Filter*," Journal of the Acoustical Society of Japan 46, No. 3 (1990): pp. 251-257 ("the Yamazaki reference") known to Applicant in order to comply with Applicant's duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56.

A copy of the Yamazaki reference has been previously listed within the Information Disclosure Statement of December 16, 2003. However, the Office Action of June 17, 2004 indicates that the Yamazaki reference had not been considered due to the absence of an English translation of the reference.

In response, 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(3)(i) provides that the concise explanation of the relevance may be either separate from applicant's specification or incorporated therein. Please note that pages 1-4 of the specification as originally filed include a concise explanation of the relevance of the Yamazaki reference. Accordingly, the submission of the Yamazaki reference by the Information Disclosure Statement filed on December 16, 2003 is compliant with the

content requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.98 and the requirements, and the time of filing the statement of 37 C.F.R. §1.97.

M.P.E.P. §609C(2) provides that the information contained in information disclosure statements which comply with both the content requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.98 and the requirements, based on the time of filing the statement, of 37 C.F.R. §1.97 will be considered by the examiner. In this regard, the submission of the Yamazaki reference by the Information Disclosure Statement filed on December 16, 2003 has complied with both the content requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.98 and the requirements, based on the time of filing the statement, of 37 C.F.R. §1.97.

Accordingly, consideration by the Examiner of the Yamazaki reference is deemed appropriate and is respectfully requested.

In addition, M.P.E.P. §609A(3) further provides that no concise explanation is required if a complete translation of the information into English is submitted with the non-English language information, and that there is no requirement for the translation to be verified. For the convenience of the Examiner, also submitted herewith on Form PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08 is an unverified translation of the Yamazaki reference.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the Yamazaki reference listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. Applicant respectfully requests that the Yamazaki reference be considered by the Examiner, be formally be made of record in the present application, and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

It is further respectfully requested that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(g), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made or that no other material information as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a) exists. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(h), the filing of this Information Disclosure statement shall not be construed to be an admission that any

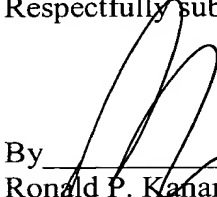
patent, publication or other information referred to therein is "prior art" for this invention unless specifically designated as such.

It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed references.

Because a copy of the Yamazaki reference has been previously listed within the Information Disclosure Statement of December 16, 2003, the Patent Office is **NOT AUTHORIZED** to charge deposit account 18-0013 under 37 C.F.R. §§1.97(c)(2) and 1.17(p).

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Respectfully submitted,



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